

# Fiscal Note

*Fiscal Services Division*



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**HF 2328** – Primary Election Voters, Eighteen Year Olds at General Election (LSB5091HV)  
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## **Description**

**House File 2328** relates to voter registration and voting by lowering the age at which a person may register to vote and the age at which a registered voter is eligible to vote in a primary. The bill allows a registered voter who is not 18 years of age to vote in a primary election if the voter will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the election. This bill is effective January 1, 2017.

## **Background**

- Current law in Iowa permits a young person who is at least 17 and one-half years of age to register to vote. The registration does not become effective until the voter turns age 18.
- According to the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL), approximately 21 states, including Iowa currently, permit young people to register to vote before they reach the voting age of 18.

## **Assumptions**

- Arikkan, the IVoters System vendor, estimates this change will require between 1,300 and 1,750 hours to reprogram the IVoters system. The cost per hour is approximately \$110.
- Precinct Atlas, an electronic pollbook system for more than 55 counties in Iowa estimates programming costs of approximately \$600.

## **Fiscal Impact**

The cost to the Secretary of State's Office to reprogram the IVoters System for voter registration and election management is estimated to range between \$143,000 and \$193,000.

## **Sources**

Office of the Secretary of State  
NCSL

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